(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and it would be laid on the Table of the House.

Space power generators

949. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at the recently concluded Hanover Trade Fair held in West Germany, space power generator was also displayed by the Indian Scientists;

(b) whether it is a face that this generator can generate three times more power in comparison with other generators;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this type of generator has also been manufactured and offered to Tarapur Power Atomic Plant; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and whether Government propose to introduce space power generators in our country also and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (d) In reply to an earlier question No. 659, Minister of State for Science and Technology, Atomic Energy, Space, Electronics and Ocean Development had informed the Rajya Sabha on 23.4.1987 that an engineer of the Department of Atomic Energy demonstrated a machine that claims to produce power from empty space. Certain experiments using unconventional ideas are being carried out around the world.

Contract for second spreaders project of Neyveli Lignite Corporation

950. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to answer to the Starred Question 15 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 13th April, 1987 and state:

(a) whether the award of the contract for spreaders of such huge capacity and tonnage has been given by the Board of Directors of Neyveli Lignite Corporation to an inexperienced group of companies/ firms who never manufactured or built up the same earlier;

(b) whether the KFW-the West Germany's financial agency did not agree with the said decision of the NLC;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what was the primary reason for entertaining such inexperienced group at the huge cost of national exchequer and which are the members of the Board of Directors who have taken personal guarantee in the event the awardee fails to perform the contract?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) There was no disagreement between KFW and NLC.

(d) Does not arise.

Contract by NLC to M/s. MAN

951. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to answer to the Unstarred Question 97 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 13th April, 1987 and state:

(a) when advance money equal to 10 per cent of the contract amount was remitted to M/s. MAN;